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***BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MEETING MONDAY, March 21, 2016  
MEETING MINUTES  
GLADYS L. HURRELL REHOBOTH SENIOR CENTER***

**Present:** Michael Costello, Chairman; Fredrick “Skip” Vadnais, Vice Chairman; Susan Pimental, Clerk; Dave Perry and Gerald Schwall, Members

**Also Present:** Helen Dennen, Interim Town Administrator

**1.0) Executive Session:** At 6:18p.m. S. Pimental made a motion to enter into Executive Session, 2<sup>nd</sup> by D. Perry, pursuant to Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 30A, and Section 21;(3) discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares \*

**Topics of Discussion:** Highway Contract Negotiations; REPAC vs TOR\*

Roll Call Vote – Pimental – Aye; Schwall – Aye; Perry – Aye; Vadnais – Aye; Costello – Aye;  
Voted 5-0

**Call to Order at 7:00p.m.:** The Board and the public participated in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The Board of Selectmen also called a moment of silence for the passing of Gale Pray.

**2.0) Consent Agenda**

**Warrants:** M. Costello read the weekly Warrants; Withholdings 16-37A, \$24,527.29; Payroll: 16-38B, \$74,867.97; Invoices: 16-38, \$36,295.63. S. Pimental made a motion to approve the weekly Warrants as read. Second, G. Schwall. Voted 5-0

- Moment of silence for a fallen Mass State Trooper.

**Minutes:** none

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**3.0) Open Forum – Announcements:**

- Next regular Selectmen's meeting will be Monday, March 28, 2016 at the Senior Center at 7:00PM
- Chief Trombetta, Sergeant Ramos, & Susan Leneau present. April 9, 2012 her husband had a serious bike accident and later died from his injuries. It was a manufacturing defect and Ms. Leneau won a settlement. She wanted to express her gratitude to the Police Department and Sergeant Ramos for being so helpful during the investigation and Officer McGovern, who was at the scene on his day off because he happened to drive by. She donated \$5,000.00 to the detectives division. Chief Trombetta thanked Sergeant Ramos and Susan Leneau.
- On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by G. Schwall it was voted to accept the \$5,000.00 check that was donated by Susan Leneau to the Police Department. All Vote 5-0
- S. Pimental read letter from Dighton Veteran's Services inviting the Board of Selectmen to participate in the Memorial Day Parade, May 30, 2016.

**Town Administrator's Report:** Helen Dennen

- I will be attending a meeting with Dr. Azar March 29, 2016 to go over issues relating to the schools. George Solas will be joining me.
- The container for disposal of paper, newspaper, magazines, etc. has been placed at the Town Offices by the back door. Any citizen is welcome. No cardboard and no plastic.

**4.0) NEW BUSINESS: Action Item #1: Interview with Douglas C. Furtado for consideration of appointment to the Finance Committee**

Douglas C. Furtado introduced himself. George Solas highly recommended him for this position.

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by S. Vadnais it was voted to appoint Douglas C. Furtado to the Finance Committee for a term effective 3/21/16 – 6/30/16, filling seat vacated by Kelly A. Hamilton-Welzel All Vote 5-0

**Action Item #2: Discussion with Fincom, Board of Assessors & Town Accountant Re: Revenues Estimates for FY17**

Gene – increase estimate of new growth to \$200,000

- Motor vehicle excise tax I would like to see at \$1.6 million

C. Doane – reviewed summary page of budget; tax levy limit, what gets 2 ½ tax increase off of

- discussed Solar revenue; excise tax; State aid increase; Chapter 70- no longer available to us because we no longer pay transportation; meal tax

- build budget by 2% increase = \$500,000 (C. Doane's recommendation)

- received from departments we are looking at a \$1.5 million deficit

- Available funds Stabilization - \$1,239,369.00/ Free cash -\$1,219,102.00/Capital Stabilization Account (can only be used for Capital life expenditures of 5 years or more) \$820,943.00/Solar Capital Account \$164, 124.00

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- School Committee accounts for \$14,860,700.00(does not include debt exclusion payments) budget went up \$1.1 million, 8% increase
- I will get back you on the Solar Pilot payments; I do not like the way the Department of Revenue is having us handle these payments of \$90,000.00

**Action Item #3: Senior Citizens Tax Work Off Abatement Program**

Town adopted this in 2001. It gives a chance for seniors to earn extra money to deduct from property taxes. Need someone to get started on it. MA sees it as purely an abatement the Federal Government does not. They can only earn up to \$500.00; \$750.00 is the highest we can go by statute. It was approved and we would use \$10,000 out of our overlay. A 70 year old veteran cannot get both Valor and this. Have Dave Perry make a presentation to the COA Board and maybe we can get Brad Marshall to handle this.

On a motion made by S. Pimental and Second G. Schwall it was voted to have Helen Dennen send out a letter to Department Heads to question if any work needs to be done and authorize Dave Perry to go before the COA Board to present the need for someone to run the Abatement Program. All Vote 5-0

**Action Item #4:FY17 Budget Reviews**

**Veteran's Services:**

- Salary request-with the town population it is mandated by CMR108 Chapter 115 to be a full time job at least 28 hours at \$28,703.00 salary. Board of Selectmen agree to leave number in for now

**Highway Department:**

- Put longevity \$1500 and sick day stipend \$2550 back in budget
- 2 new laborers salary- \$84,000, no line items other than salary was changed for the new laborers (vacation, uniforms, sick time,etc.)
- George Solas- we don't get enough Chapter 90 money; new laborers will be preventative when it comes to maintaining roads.
- S.P. – budget wage line increased by \$154,000 added three new people and took out superintendent line, if we hire 2 guys we should see a savings on other lines(overtime, out sourcing, etc.)

**\*All Departments should use zero based budgeting and have a plan**

Next time bring back clarification on why overhead garage door quotes are all different and you are requesting for the highest amount of \$2800

**Action Item #5: Vote to Approve Hawkers & Peddlers License**

Continued from previous meeting. All papers are in order, he brought it a character reference/ CORI check on his own. On a motion made by D. Perry Second by S. Pimental the Board approved a Hawkers & Peddlers License for Dorian Morales who must notify police each time you come into town, wear a work shirt, have a photo ID clearly displayed. All Vote 5-0

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**Action Item #6: Vote to Approve Request for Budget Amendment**

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by D.Perry it was voted to approve police department budget amendments. All Vote 4-0(G. Schwall left room)

Account Name	Department	Account Name	Increase	Decrease
012103-54400	Police	Oper Supplies	\$38.00	
012103-55840	Police	Det/Prisoners		\$38.00

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by D.Perry it was voted to approve fire department budget amendments. All Vote 4-0(G. Schwall left room)

012203-55801	Fire	T/O Gear FF Equip	264.17	
012203-57120	Fire	Travel		264.17

**Action Item #4: (Continued) FY17 Budget Reviews**

**Police Department:**

- S. Pimental- using draft #2 make of budget
- Lieutenant Brady explained need to budget increase: 2 new officers, uniforms, equipment, arrests, snow storms, etc.
- Holiday replacement-based on 100% if everyone cashes out (highly unlikely)
- Replacing one officer and getting one new officer
- Department budgeted for 15 patrolman
- Court time – budgeted by history
- S. Pimental – should we put licensing & fees associated with technology be put in IT Budget
- Current Vehicles: have one detectives vehicle

**Action Item #7: Vote to Approve Request for Transfer from Reserve Fund from Police Department**

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by G.Schwall it was voted to Table Item until further notice. All Vote 5-0

**Action Item #8: Reappointment for Board of Registrars**

On a motion made by S. Pimental second by D. Perry it was voted to appoint Kathleen J. Conti to serve on the Board of Registrars for a term effective 4/1/16 – 3/31/19 All Vote 4-0( G. Schwall abstained)

On a motion made by S. Pimental second by G. Schwall it was voted to appoint Lynore McKim to the Rehoboth Agricultural & Natural Resources Preservation Council as the Park Commission rep effective 3/21/16 – 6/30/17 All Vote 5-0

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**Action Item #9: Vote to Approve Charity Wine License**

On a motion made by S. Vadnais Second by G. Schwall it was voted to approve the Charity Wine License for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation on April 8, 2016 with a fee of \$25.00 to be paid to the Town of Rehoboth All Vote 5-0

**Old Business: Action Item #1: Tolling Agreement**

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by G. Schwall item was tabled due to information still not received All Vote 5-0

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

**3/21/16 Selectmen's Reports:**

**Costello:** none

**Vadnais:** Hold on Jane Foster's Animal Inspector Reappointment and Appoint Rob Johnson  
On a motion made by S. Vadnais Second by S. Pimental the Board voted to appoint Rob Johnson Animal Inspector term effective 5/1/16 – 4/30/17

**Schwall:** none

**Perry:** none

**Pimental:** none

**5.0) ADJOURNMENT:** Selectmen Pimental made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:42p.m., Second by Selectmen Schwall. All Vote 5-0

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Michael R. Costello, Chairman

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Frederick E. Vadnais, Jr., Vice Chairman

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Susan M. Pimental, Clerk

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David A. Perry, Jr., Member

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Gerald V. Schwall, Member

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Respectfully Submitted,  
Kelly Hathaway  
Interim Assistant Town Administrator

Approved 6/6/16